

INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM: Young Adult Services

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: In August 1999, the Library of California Board adopted a motion “to pursue a legislative vehicle(s) to implement a statewide Young Adult Services Program based on a program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.” Since the last Board meeting, the following activities have occurred:

AB 49 IS INTRODUCED

On December 04, 2000, Assemblymember Carl Washington (52nd District) introduced AB 49, which will create the “Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program.” (Exhibit A, Legislative Committee Report)

Sponsored by the Library of California Board (Exhibit B), and supported by the California Library Association, the bill is based on the program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.

The bill is identical to AB 2486 which was introduced last year by Assemblymember Washington, but was not signed by the Governor. The only change to date in this year’s bill is the date change for the evaluation component.

According to the bill, the State Librarian shall award grants to local public libraries that provide services to youth including, but not limited to, occupational and post-secondary education information, a homework center, a mentoring center, and a resources clearinghouse providing information regarding local after school programs and activities for youth. * \$2.5 million is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Librarian for the purpose of allocating funds on a competitive grant award basis.

No hearings have yet been scheduled.

* December 04, 2000 version

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Updates on activities by Board members and staff.

Relevant Committee: Access Services
Staff Liaison: Bessie Condos Tichauer